

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

HOUSE

NO. 6

House of Representatives, Jan. 24, 1923.

Referred to Committee on Education and five hundred copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Martin of Augusta.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE

AN ACT to Amend Chapter Four Hundred and Sixteen of the
Private and Special Laws of 1907 Relating to the Board of
Education in the City of Augusta.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 1. For the purpose of making needed changes in
2 chapter four hundred and sixteen of the Private and Special
3 Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act to Establish a Board of
4 Education in the City of Augusta and to Provide for a
5 Uniform System of Schools Therein," and acts additional
6 thereto and amendatory thereof, and revising and further
7 amending the same, said original act after the enacting

8 clause, is hereby so revised and further amended as to read
9 as follows:

'Sect. 1. The Board of Education in the City of Augusta
2 shall consist of five persons, two of whom shall be women
3 and one of whom shall be the mayor of said city, and all of
4 said members excepting said mayor, shall be appointed by
5 said mayor, each for a term of two years after the year
6 1923. No more than two of said members appointed by
7 said mayor shall be members of the same political party.
8 The first appointments under this act shall be so made as to
9 take effect on the first Monday of September, 1923, at which
10 time two of said members shall be appointed for the term
11 of one year and two for the term of two years. Two mem-
12 bers of said board shall thereafter be appointed by said
13 mayor on the first Monday of September of each year, for
14 the term of two years. All vacancies occurring in said
15 board shall be filled by appointments by the mayor for the
16 unexpired term.

'Sect. 2. The Board of Education, constituted as herein-
2 before provided, shall perform all the duties and be invested
3 with all the rights and powers of superintending school com-
4 mittees of towns including the right to direct the expendi-
5 ture of all moneys appropriated for the use of schools. The
6 Board shall elect a chairman annually, and appoint some
7 suitable person, not a member of the board, superintendent
8 of schools, and may adopt such rules and regulations for
9 the management of schools and the conduct of the business

10 of the board as are not inconsistent with the laws of this
11 State. The Superintendent shall be the secretary and execu-
12 tive agent of the board, which shall fix his salary to be paid
13 from the City treasury as salaries of teachers are paid, and
14 may remove him and appoint a successor. The members
15 of the board shall receive no compensation for their services
16 as such. The members appointed by the mayor shall not be
17 members of the City Council.

'Sect. 3. Said Board of Education shall submit on the
2 third Monday of January of each year a report of the
3 affairs and condition of the city schools for the year ending
4 on the thirty-first day of December next preceeding, to-
5 gether with an estimate of the amount needed for school
6 purposes for the then current year to the City Council of
7 said City. Said city council shall raise annually for the
8 support of the public schools in said city, such sum, not
9 less than the amount required by the general laws of the
10 State, as it may deem necessary for that purpose, which
11 amount shall be included with and assessed like any other
12 city taxes. Except as herein otherwise provided, the powers
13 and duties of said city council with respect to public schools
14 shall be the same as those conferred by law on the inhabi-
15 tants and municipal officers of towns, including the power to
16 borrow money for the erection of school houses.

'Sect. 4. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to
2 the qualified voters of said city of Augusta, at an election
3 to be specially called for the purpose and held on the first

4 Monday of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand,
5 nine hundred and twenty-three, said election to be called,
6 advertised, held and conducted as provided by law relating
7 to municipal elections in said city. The question of the
8 acceptance of this act shall be submitted to the electors in
9 the following form: "Shall an "Act to Amend Chapter Four
10 Hundred and Sixteen of the Private and Special Laws of
11 1907 Relating to Board of Education of the City of Augus-
12 ta," be accepted?" The City clerk shall prepare the ballots
13 to be used at said election in such form that the elector may
14 plainly indicate by a cross placed over the word 'Yes' or 'No,'
15 his opinion upon said question. Should the question re-
16 ceive more affirmative than negative votes at said election,
17 this act shall be deemed to have been accepted. The result
18 of said election shall be declared by the municipal officers of
19 said city, and duly certified by the city clerk to the Secretary
20 of State. A printed copy of the provisions of this act shall
21 be posted at the time and places specified by law for position
22 notices of such election, and in at least two conspicuous
23 places in each voting place during said election.

'Sect. 5. In case this act is accepted as provided in the
2 preceeding section, the terms of office of all members of the
3 then existing Augusta Board of Education and all officers
4 and agents connected therewith shall cease on the thirty-first
5 day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine
6 hundred and twenty-three.

'Sect. 6. Upon the acceptance of this act, as hereinbefore
2 provided, all acts and parts of acts, public or private, and
3 all ordinances of the City of Augusta, inconsistent with the
4 provisions of this act shall be inoperative and deemed to
5 have been repealed so far as relates to the City of Augusta.'